Rank and Butions.

Two distinct military organizations were at first created in the south, respectively known as the regular and the provisional or volunteer army. The former belonged to the general or state government. The latter was the offspring of the people. One was intended to be permanent. The existence of the other depended on the duration of the war. In a measure, however, the regular army was merged in the provisional organization, and its officers, who were generally graduates of West Point and other military schools, were transferred to the volunteers and promoted to high grades.

The men were not unlike those in the regular service in all civilized nations and were restrained by the same rigid discipline. On the other hand, the volunteers were a free and easy lot, who fraternized with their officers, and until the severer lessons of the war were taught maintained an equal footing with them.

One day an altercation took place between a captain and a private. In the course of the dispute the subordinate made an irritating remark, when the officer exclaimed, "If you repeat that again, I will lay down my rank and fight you." "Lay down your rank!" was the indignant response. "That won't make you a gentleman. A coward ought to fight with straps on his shoulders, but it takes a gentleman to fight for \$11 a month."-Blue and Gray.

Chirdwick and His Trousers,

W. R. Chirdwick tells the following story: "Once traveling through France I reached Grenoble, where I found out I was almost penniless. I managed to go up to Thonon, a few miles from Geneva, and on my way there I thought a great deal of how to reach Geneva. I passed the night at the Lion d'Or, and the next morning when I woke up I called for the garcon and asked him for my trousers. It is the custom in French hotels, you know, to put outside of your room your shoes and clothes so that the following day you find everything clean.

"After some search he told me he could not find them. I insisted and had the landlord called up. 'I am sorry,' he said, 'but no one can tell where your trousers are.' 'Well,' I said, 'I want a pair of trousers and a ticket to Geneva I had in my pocket.' The landlord was at a loss. He had the house searched over and over again, but no trousers. 'Well,' said I. I shall not go out of here without my trousers and my ticket. Send for the chief of police.'

"Two hours later the landlord entered my room, bringing a new pair of trousers and a ticket, apologizing for all that trouble." Mr. Chirdwick Thonon."-Argonaut.

She Was Getting Unpopular. How strangely people are consti-

tuted! A pretty and vivacious fin de siecle woman said to me recently:

"I'm going to give up playing poker."

"Very wise, too," I answered. "You are bound to lose in the end."

"Oh, I don't give it up because I lose," she replied, "but because I

"Explain the paradox," I said. "Well," was her reply, "I am so lucky that I am getting unpopular.

I really am. You know that I play in the same

little club and with the same people once a week.

"Well, my luck is remarkable. "Do as I will-draw four cards, draw to an interior, draw a whole

hand-I generally win. "And I know that my friends there are beginning to hate me, especially

my women friends. 'I'm nearly always taking their money, and as I value their good

feeling more than I do the game I'm senger the air is filled with shouts of going to stop playing."-Polly Pry in New York Recorder.

A Fresh Translation.

The small boy had been irritating his father with many vexatious questions about a psalm he was studying for Sunday school next

day. "Father, what does selah mean?" was the latest.

"Shut up!" said paterfamilias. The boy said nothing, but in Sunday school the psalm was under dis-

"Who knows what the word selah means?" asked the young superin-

tendent. The small boy's hands went up, and

he was halfway out of his seat. No one else raised a hand.

"Well?" said the superintendent. "Shut up!" said the small boy. And seeing the look on the teacher's face added: "It is. I asked papa and he said 'shut up!" "—Toledo Blade.

Different Ways of Putting It.

This is a scientific way: "If a man falls asleep in the sitting posture with his mouth open, his jaw drops; the tongue not being in contact with the hard palate, the succotorial space is obliterated; the soft palate no longer adheres to the roof of the tongue, and if respiration be earried on through the mouth the muscular curtain begins to vibrate." And this is the popular form, "If a man doesn't keep his mouth shut when asleep, he will snore."—London Tit-Bits. King George's Monates Con

King George of Greece is invariably accompanied wherever he goes by a little mongrel our to which he is deeply attached and of which he came to be the owner in a rather curious way. He was at some maneu vers a number of years ago, standing amid his staff on the top of a hill watching the movements of the troops, when suddenly the little dog made its appearance, no one knew whence, and stationed itself at the king's feet. All attempts to dislodge it were fruitless, and it remained there until the end of the review.

When the king walked to his carriage, the little dog trotted in front of him as proud as Punch, with his tail erect, and before any one could interfere scrambled into the carriage. Arrived at the place, he darted in first and insisted on remaining with the king. His majesty, who is slightly superstitious, declared that the dog's persistency was a good omen, and that at any rate he had one faithful friend. Since that day the dog has slept in the king's bedroom and has scarcely ever left him. It is a most supercilious little fellow and never takes notice of any one save his majesty, whom it seems to idolize.—New York Tribune.

Hattle's Pert Retort.

The shoppers in a well known store were amused the other day by the pert brightness of a little child who was evidently much spoiled by her mother. The latter was looking for something and could not find exactly what she wanted. Finally her choice narrowed down to three pieces of dress goods, and she was very much perplexed which to take. The little girl, who was about 6 years of age, was constantly asking questions about things she saw and distracting her mother's attention from her purchases. Finally the mother became distracted between her purchases and her child and said, "If you don't keep quiet, Hattie, I'll burst out crying.

The little one drew herself up and as quick as a flash responded, "For goodness sake, mamma, don't begin in front of all these people, or you'll make me ashamed of you."

It is to be hoped she was disciplined when she reached home, but from the way her mother continued to laugh over the child's precocity it is not probable.-Philadelphia

Mile of Creton.

Of the wonderful athletes of all ages, Milo of Creton is perhaps the most known. He once ran a mile with an ox on his shoulders, then with a blow of his fist killed the beast and ate it in one day.

The strongest man could not take from Milo a pomegranate which he was asked where his trousers were, held between his two fingers, alto which he replied: "I had none. I though a woman he loved is said to had pawned them to pay my fare to have done it. He could break by contracting his veins and muscles a cord tied around his forearm. One day, being in a house with some pupils of Pythagoras, the ceiling threatthe column on which it rested, thus and is proud of it. giving his friends time to escape.

His death is well known. He tried to tear asunder the trunk of a tree. but his hands got pinched in the wood, and being unable to disengage them he perished, devoured by wild beasts,-Cincinnati Commercial Ga-

A General Title.

In Lisbon years ago there was a very popular boatman who served the various men-of-war that visited the port. He was a cheerful, obliging fellow, and always at his post, consequently he received a lion's share of the patronage of the ships. His Portuguese name translated, or rather spelled phonetically, was John Fishballs, and ever since his time the value of the name has been so well recognized that every boatman on the quay has appropriated it to his own use, and on the appearance of a pas-"Me John Fishballs!"

"Here you are, Fishballs!" and a regular scrimmage ensues for the possession of the fare. - Harper's Young People.

Wet Feet and Colds.

Dr. Brown-Sequard recommends the following as the best way to overcome susceptibility to taking cold from getting the feet wet: Dip the feet in cold water and let them remain there a few seconds. The next morning dip them in again, letting them remain in a few seconds longer. The next morning keep them in a little longer yet and continue this till you can leave them in half an hour without taking cold. In this way a person can become accustomed to the cold water, and he will not take cold from this cause. But be it throroughly understood that the "hardening" must be done carefully.

A Young Critic.

"Papa," said the pastor's little girl, watching him constructing and revising his Sunday sermon, "does God tell you what to write;" "Yes, my child, God tells me." 'Then what do you scratch it out for?"-New York Recorder.

He Was an Expert. Old Farmer (tending thrashing machine, to applicant for a job)-Ever

done any thrashing? Applicant (modestly)-I am the father of 17 children, sir. -- Boston Woman's Journal



JUST TOO LOVELY.

When Reminded, the Game of Football All Came Back to Her.

She told him when he asked her if she would like to go out and see the football game that she would be only too glad to go, because she did enjoy a ball game so much and that she hadn't seen one for two years, when Charlie Joy took her and told her all about it. That pleased him immensely, for he didn't like Char-lie a little bit and did dote on a girl that knew something besides embroidery and caramels. So they went, and she looked on, apparently in great interest, for half an honr, and he was so absorbed that he almost forgot her. It occurred to him after awhile that she was there, and he turned to her.

"Do you understand it?" he inquired. "Oh, yes," she said; "that is, most of it, but I'm a little rusty, I think, and some of the terms I hear I don't quite understand."

"What, for instance?" "Well, what is a 'touchdown?" "That's when a player touches the ball back of his opponents' goal, and it counts

our points.' "Oh, yes, and what is a 'putout?"
"That's when a player of the side which has made a 'touchdown' kicks the ball to a player of his own side, the object being to get into a better position for a

kick at the goal." "Yes, I see," she responded in some doubt, "and what is 'charging?" "That's rushing forward to seize the

ball or to tackle a player." Then she waited a few minutes until a lively tussle was ended and he could

give her a moment's time again. "Wasn't that perfectly lovely?" she exclaimed, "and how stupid of me! I remember distinctly now that Charlie told me all those points, and that three strikes were out, and when a man stole a base the batter pounded him for three hits, and when the ball got foul they fanned the air. Of course I ought to have remembered, but I was thinking about something else when we came out this afternoon. There, see that man making a home run! Ain't he just too lovely?" and the young man gave her one long, agonized look and shricked aloud.-Detroit Free Press.

The Scene of Conflict. "This talk," said the bachelor, "of woman's engaging in the pursuits of man

is all nonsense. "I don't know," said his friend doubtfully.
"There's no doubt of it. Suppose a

war should arise. Women couldn't fight, could they?" 'What's the reason they couldn't?"

"Why, because they are not naturally constituted for warfare."

"Humph! Just come over to the bar gain counter in our dry goods store some day, and you'll change your mind."-Washington Star.

Edith's grandmother had come from Maine for a visit, and the yo -she is almost 10 years old-took her into the parlor to show her a lion's head ened to fall in, but Milo supported done in crayon. Edith made the picture

Grandmother adjusted her spectacles and gazed admiringly at the drawing. "You don't know what that is, grandma," Edith said.

"Don't know what it is!" responded grandmother, a little touched. "Lived on a farm 60 years and not know a calf's head when I see it!"-New York Times.

P's by All Means.

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Yet He Gave It the Shake. Uncle Allen had dropped into a cobbler's shop for repairs. As he rose up after putting on the mended shoe he

pulled the chair up with him. "That lump of wax," said the shoemaker, "seems to have formed a strong attachment for you."

"I don't reciprocate," replied Uncle Allen, "but I confess I'm a good deal stuck on the chair."—Chicago Tribune.

Not Unreasonable.

Patient Man (with newspaper, stranger)-Will you kindly let me know, sir, when you have finished the article you are reading? I've gone three blocks past my street already.-Puck.

Appropriate For the Occasion. "You may think you're smart," said the tragedian as the audience pelted him with late lamented hen fruit, "but I think you're making some pretty bad breaks."—Elmira Gazette. A PHILOSOPHICAL NEGRO.

Patriotism and Bravery Are No Earthly Use to a Dead Slan.

Old Pete was a philosopher. He was described to me as having both a retrospective and philosophical cast of countenance. He had been a soldier, having belonged to one of the most gallantly behaved colored regiments that fought in the battle of Fort Donelson.

The person to whom I am indebted for the following dialogue discovered old Pete upon the hurricane deck of a Mississippi steamer and by way of an introduction said:

"I suppose you were in the war, for you look like a soldier?" "Yes, sah. I had a leetle taste ob it at Fo't Donelson.'

"Stood your ground, did you?" "No sah. Runned."

"Ran at the first fire, did you?" "Yaas, sah. Would hab runned oonah if I'd knowed it was comin." "Why, that was not very credit able to your courage."

"Massah, wah wasn't in my line. Cookin were my perfeshin." "Well, but had you no regard for your reputation?"

'Yaas, sah. But reputation's nuffin whatever to me by de side ob "Do you consider your life worth

more than other people's?" "Wath moah to me, sah." "Then you must value it very

highly?" "I does, sah, moah dan all dis world; moah dan \$1,000,000, for what am dat to a man wid de bref out'n himself. Preservation am de fust law, sah.

"But why should you act upon s different rule from other men?" "Case different men has different vallers on dair libes. Mine am not in de market."

"But if you had lost it in the war you would have had the satisfaction of knowing that you died for your country. "Wot satisfaction would dat be,

massah, wid de power ob teelin gone?" "Then patriotism and honor are

nothing to you!" "Nuffin whatever, sah; nuffin whatever. I 'gards 'em as 'mong de vanities.

"Do you think any of your company would have missed you if you had been killed?"

"Mebbe not, massah. A dead white man ain't much account let alone a dead niggah. But I'd miss myself awfully, and that was de pint wid old Pete."-Philadelphia Times.



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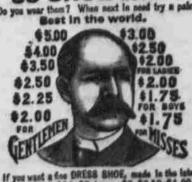
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asked the Englishman if he had one.

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you use a towel?' 'A towel?' I re-

plied. 'Yes, a towel. Here, let me

show you. Take a corner of the

towel, so. Lay the point in the heel

of your shoe, so. Put your foot in as far as it will go, right on top of

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